

**Onaway Area Community Schools
Resolution Supporting Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary**

The following resolution was offered by Member Neelis and supported by Member Hart.

WHEREAS, the Onaway Area Community Schools is situated near Lake Huron, a designated shipping lane for many, many years, and

WHEREAS, the turbulent waters have historically been responsible for the demise of many a ship, whether it be a ship carrying cargo or bringing people to reside in this area, and

WHEREAS, the City of Onaway and Presque Isle County have had many residents earn their livelihood from shipping and fishing, including tragic ship wrecks, and

WHEREAS, it is well known there are shipwrecks all along the Lake Huron shoreline and,

WHEREAS, since its designation in 2000, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, has developed opportunities for the area to become educated about this vitally important history through many programs involving its current boundaries and also involving the proposed expansion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Onaway Area Community Schools supports the expansion of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve to include waters off Presque Isle County up to the Cheboygan County line, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the expansion of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve boundary via administrative annexation to protect our marine underwater assets is urgent and should proceed as fast as due diligence allows, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the educational and scientific efforts of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve should include the district boundaries of Onaway Area Community Schools and surrounding areas.

Ayes: Members - Neelis, Heythaler, Materna, Lyon, Hart
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Nays: Members - None

Secretary Certification

I, Pam Lovelace, duly appointed and acting Secretary for the Onaway Area Community Schools, Onaway, MI, do hereby certify the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Onaway Area Community Schools at a regular meeting held on May 8, 2012.

Dated: 5-8-12


Pam Lovelace, Secretary